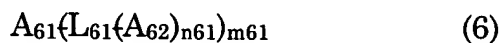


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1 13 (Amended). A silver halide photographic light-sensitive material comprising a compound represented by the following formula (6):

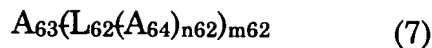


wherein  $A_{61}$  represents a first chromophore,  $A_{62}$  represents a second chromophore, provided that at least one of  $A_{61}$  and  $A_{62}$  is a polymethine chromophore comprising a methine chain and the methine chain of the polymethine chromophore is not isomerized geometrically when the polymethine chromophore is excited,  $L_{61}$  represents a linking group or a single bond, and  $n61$  and  $m61$  each represents an integer of 1 to 5.

2 14 (Amended). The silver halide photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 13, wherein the methine chain is fixed by a crosslinked structure.

3 15 (Amended). The silver halide photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 13, wherein the compound comprises from 1 to 10 dissociative groups.

4 16 (Amended). A silver halide photographic light-sensitive material comprising a compound represented by formula (7):



a | wherein  $A_{63}$  is a first chromophore,  $A_{64}$  is a second chromophore, provided that at least one of  $A_{63}$  and  $A_{64}$  is a cyanine chromophore or a merocyanine chromophore comprising a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring which may further be condensed with a benzene ring and the nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring or the condensed benzene ring has from 1 to 10 dissociative groups directly substituted to the nitrogen-containing heterocyclic ring or the condensed benzene ring,  $L_{62}$  represents a linking group or a single bond, and  $n_{62}$  and  $m_{62}$  each represents an integer of 1 to 5.

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Please add the following new claims:

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5 17 (New). The silver halide photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 1<sup>6</sup>, wherein the polymethine chromophore is a cyanine chromophore.

a 2 6 18 (New). The silver halide photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 1<sup>6</sup>, wherein  $A_{62}$  is a polymethine chromophore.

7 19 (New). The silver halide photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 1<sup>6</sup>, wherein the adsorption strength of  $A_{61}$  and  $A_{62}$  to silver halide grain is  $A_{61} > A_{62}$ .

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<sup>8</sup><sub>20</sub> (New). The silver halide photographic light-sensitive material as claimed  
A<sup>2</sup> in claim <sup>4</sup>~~16~~, wherein A<sub>64</sub> is a cyanine chromophore or a merocyanine chromophore,  
and the adsorption strength of A<sub>63</sub> and A<sub>64</sub> to silver halide grain is  $A_{63} > A_{64}$ .

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